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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
KENJI OKADO ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned - Based)
: on JPA 054232/2001, and)
: JPA 054233/2001, both filed)
: February 28, 2001)
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Filed: Herewith)
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For: REPLENISHING)
: DEVELOPER AND)
: DEVELOPING METHOD)
: February 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 26 and ending on page 13, line 5 with the following paragraph. A marked-up version of the original paragraph showing the changes thereto is attached.

--The carrier may preferably have a residual magnetization (σ_r) of 0.1 - 20 Am²/kg, more preferably 2.9 - 6.9 Am²/kg. Above 20 Am²/kg, the carrier is caused to